

PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGE IS READ IN CONGRESS TODAY

Expenses of Government Greatly Cut Down. No Tariff Revision for Present. Much Popular Legislation Urged.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN MESSAGE.

Most important question presented to administration is that of economy in expenditure and sufficiency of revenue.

No revision of tariff until facts are at hand upon which such revision can be properly undertaken.

Tariff not the cause of increase in the cost of living.

Country is in a high state of prosperity.

Later special messages will deal with conservation of natural resources and anti-trust and interstate commerce laws.

Relations of United States with foreign countries generally satisfactory.

The United States doing its duty towards Central America. Zelayan government of Nicaragua responsible for constant tension and turmoil in southern Republics.

Traditional relations with Japan continue cordial.

Reorganization of department of state recommended to further our foreign trade and American interests abroad.

Proposal to issue Panama Canal bonds, to meet deficit of \$73,075,620, approved.

Cost of Panama Canal, which will be completed Jan. 1, 1915, \$375,201,000.

While the deficit for fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, will be \$73,075,620, prediction made there will be no deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, but a small surplus of \$712,000.

Needs of departments and government cut to the quick in present estimates.

Criminal prosecutions of government officers involved in sugar frauds noted. Congressional investigation at this time not advised for fear it would interfere with present probe and prove an embarrassment in securing convictions.

Army estimates for coming fiscal year reduced \$45,000,000.

Extensive naval base at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, favored.

Need for reorganization of navy discussed and action on plan in keeping with its urgency advised.

Change in judicial procedure to reduce expense to private litigants in civil cases and facilitate final decision in both civil and criminal cases constitutes greatest need in American institutions. Commission to consider reforms in judiciary recommended.

Appropriate legislation relative to issuance of injunctions urged.

Previous notice and opportunity to be heard on behalf of the parties to be enjoined recommended.

Higher rate of postage for magazines and periodicals suggested to reduce postal deficit.

Appointment by President of governor and executive council for Alaska recommended.

Bureau of public health recommended.

Suppression of white slavery urged.

Celebration in 1913 of fiftieth anniversary of Emancipation Proclamation recommended.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first annual message of President Taft was delivered today, being received shortly after 12 o'clock. Close attention was given its reading in both houses and the members evidenced great interest. The message follows, in part:

The relations of the United States with all foreign governments have continued upon the normal basis of amity and good understanding and are very generally satisfactory.

Europe.

The American rights (in the fisheries on the North Atlantic coast) under the fisheries article of the treaty of 1818 have been a cause of difference between the United States and Great Britain for nearly seventy years. The interests involved are of great importance to the American fishing industry, and the final settlement of the controversy (by the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague) will remove a source of constant irritation and complaint. This is the first case involving such great international questions which has been submitted to the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

Negotiations for an international conference to consider and reach an arrangement providing for the preservation and protection of the fur seals in the north Pacific are in progress with the governments of Great Britain, Japan and Russia. The attitude of the governments interested leads me to hope for a satisfactory settlement of this question as the ultimate outcome of the negotiations.

The Near East.

The quick transition of the government of the Ottoman empire from one of retrograde tendencies to a constitutional government with a parliament and with progressive modern policies of reform and public improvement is one of the important phenomena of our times. Constitutional government seems also to have made further advance in Persia. These events have turned the eyes of the world upon the near east. In that quarter the prestige of the United States has spread widely through the peaceful influence of American schools, universities and missionaries. There is every reason why we should obtain a greater share of the commerce of the near east since the conditions are more favorable now than ever before.

Latin America.

One of the happiest events in recent pan-American diplomacy was the pacific, independent settlement by the governments of Bolivia and Peru of a boundary difference between them, which for some weeks threatened to cause war and even to entail bitter animosities affecting other republics less directly concerned.

Our Citizens Abroad.

This administration, through the department of state and the foreign service, is lending all proper support to legitimate and beneficial American en-

COOK RECORDS REACH EUROPE

Are Delivered Today to Scientists of the University of Copenhagen.

SCRUTINIZE THEM CAREFULLY

Documents Are Very Lengthy and it is Not Likely That Board Will Announce Decision on Claim Until Early in New Year.

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—With the arrival today of the North Pole records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, no time will be lost by the University of Copenhagen scientists in deciding his claims. The committee for the consideration of the records has been organized, with Prof. Ellis Stromgren, director of the Astronomical Observatory, as the chairman. Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Cook, was custodian of the records on the trip across the Atlantic, and looked after them as carefully as if they had been jewels of untold value.

Dr. Cook's report, as has been declared, is a voluminous document containing some 30,000 words. Mr. Lonsdale said that the documents are in complete form and ready for the scientific scrutiny. The report and the records were under lock and key in the strong room of the steamer while she was at sea. The secretary expects that the Copenhagen university authorities will make public their opinion of the records by the first of the new year.

There have been rumors in circulation that the Cook records are not in possession of Mr. Lonsdale, and that they were sent on another steamer, because of an alleged plot hatched by Cook's enemies to secure and destroy them. No credence is placed in this report, and it is generally believed here that the records are in the hands of Dr. Cook's secretary.

Mr. McKinley Proofs Too.

New York, Dec. 7.—According to Dr. Cook's counsel, the records sent to Copenhagen with 30,000 words of explanatory comment comprise only the data of the trip to the pole. The records of the trip back were left with the instruments in care of Harry Whitney at Etah.

To this was added the information that in addition to the records and explanatory matter Dr. Cook sent to Copenhagen fifteen more affidavits about the Mount McKinley climb. Agents of the explorer obtained these affidavits last October in Montana. One of them is from a resident of Tacoma, who swore that Barrell, the guide, offered on Oct. 1 to make affidavit that he and Dr. Cook had been to the top of Mount McKinley. Two days after this Barrell made his affidavit stating that Cook did not climb to the top of McKinley.

There is another affidavit found. A lawyer of Tacoma stated that a bank clerk of that city told him that Barrell had spoken of getting \$1,500 to make the affidavit against Cook. This bank clerk, when approached by Cook's agents, refused to make such an affidavit. Other affidavits that Dr. Cook has sent to the Copenhagen savants are from old neighbors of Barrell's in Darby, Mont., who say that Barrell often told them that he and Cook had scaled Mount McKinley.

Dr. Cook was not asked by the Danish scientists to send any proof of the Mount McKinley climb. It was explained by his legal representative that he was so deeply concerned over the attacks on his veracity that he had decided to ship the batch of affidavits anyway.

OSBORN TALKS TO ELKS.

Candidate for Governor Gives a Splendid Address at Ionia.

Ionia, Mich., Dec. 7.—A memorial meeting of the lodge of Elks was held here Sunday afternoon at the new Elks' temple. About 200 Elks were present and as many visitors.

The principal address was delivered by Hon. Chase S. Osborn. He is credited with having delivered the best address of this kind ever heard in Ionia. During the past year two members of the order have died—Ed. F. Payne of Saranac, and Wellington S. Bouck of Ionia.

Many business men attended the meeting, and a peculiar coincidence was that many of them on their way to the meeting received at the postoffice a letter from Judge Montgomery relative to his candidacy for the republican nomination as governor, and then listened to an address by another candidate for the same honor. Following the meeting Mr. Osborn was presented with a handsome umbrella.

MORSE MUST GO TO PRISON.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The supreme court of the U. S. has denied the writ of Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, for a writ of certiorari. The result of the decision is to leave in effect against Morse the sentence of fifteen years imprisonment.

Mrs. William Hurd of Wolverine has returned home to Calumet after spending a few days as the guest of friends in South Range.

TAFT'S MESSAGE WELL RECEIVED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Through his message the president has made known to the world his wishes regarding legislation, and his opinion respecting questions of public interest. The message was generally favorably commented upon by members of congress. The portions which attracted most attention were those relating to the complication with Nicaragua, diminution of public expenditures, custom house frauds and the tariff act.

The one phrase which attracted most attention was found in connection with the president's treatment of the Zelaya incident, of which he spoke as "the sad tale of unspeakable barbarities." His use of the expression cut to the quick.

CHURCH WORKERS PLAN TO SYSTEMATIZE WORK

Protestant Churches From All Parts of Country Are Represented at Big Council, Which Aims to Secure Better Results.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 7.—The executive committee of the Federal Council of the Church of Christ in America, representing fully 18,000,000 Protestant church members in all parts of the country, opened its first meeting here today. The federation, which was founded more than a year ago, with the object of avoiding the surplus of churches of small villages and of so systematizing the work of the churches that all parts of the country be covered without overlapping and in the most economical manner, has done some good work during the past year and reports of a highly favorable and encouraging nature have been prepared for presentation to the executive committee. The chairman of the executive committee, the Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts, the eminent Presbyterian minister of Philadelphia, expressed himself well pleased with the work accomplished during the year. A state federation has been formed in Nebraska, and city federations in Kansas City, St. Joseph and Omaha. Federations have also been formed in many smaller cities and towns. Older federations, especially those in New England, have been greatly strengthened.

Money has been pledged to support a district secretary for what the council calls the Department of the Interior, with headquarters in Chicago. In Philadelphia a local federation has been formed. Similarly every part of the country is to be organized, and efforts are to be made to carry on temperance, educational, missionary and other common work of all Protestant bodies, under this co-ordinated plan. The session of the executive committee will last three days and it is expected that a great deal of work will be accomplished.

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL MEN.

Second Day of Big Congress Proves an Interesting One.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The opening of the second day's session of the Southern Commercial Congress was marked by an increased attendance at the meeting this morning, at which Mr. Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, acted as chairman. At the morning session Hon. Willet M. Hays, assistant secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Hon. G. W. Molner, commissioner of agriculture for Virginia, delivered valuable addresses upon the subject, "Neglected Agricultural Opportunities in the South," and Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C., on "Colonization Opportunity in the Southern States."

At the afternoon session Mr. F. W. Paxson, president of the Memphis Business Men's club, acted as chairman. Mr. John Mathews, secretary of the Mississippi Valley Transportation Co., St. Louis, discussed "The Commercial Possibilities for Invention in the South," and Dr. J. A. Holmes, of the U. S. Geological Survey, "The Opportunity for Southern Statesmanship in Conservation."

ARMY OFFICER RETIRES.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Lieut.-Col. Albert C. Blunt, of the Coast Artillery, was placed on the retired list today on his application after a service of thirty-two years. He has been on duty at Key West. Many officers of the Coast Artillery are advanced in rank as a result of the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Blunt and Col. Henry L. Harris, who quit the army last week.

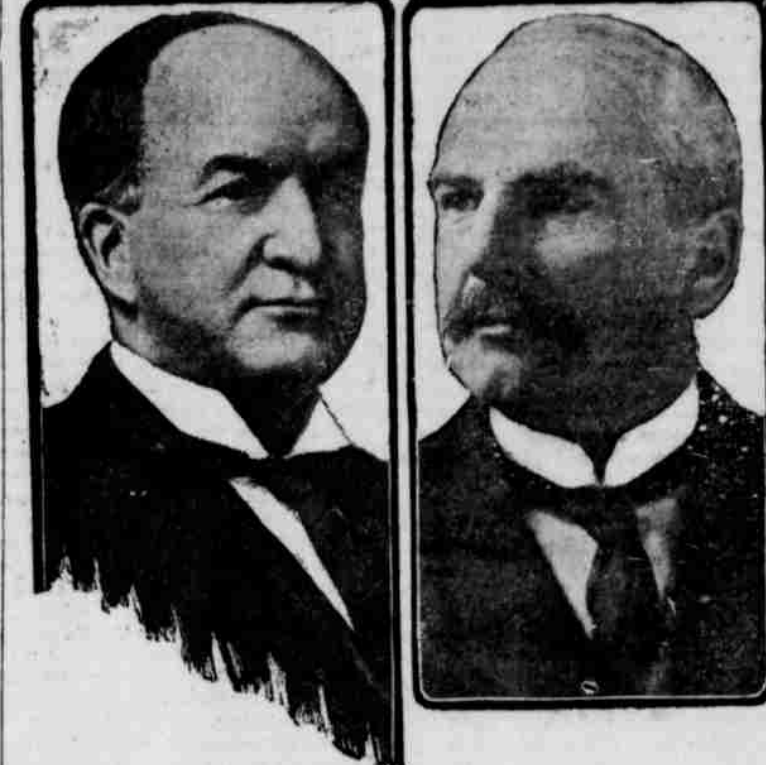
COLLEGE TEACHER KILLED.

Struck by a Street Car and Dies at Hospital Later.

Denver, Dec. 7.—Miss Elsie Long, instructor of mathematics at the Westminster university, was injured by a Denver and Interurban car at the college hill crossing yesterday and died at the St. Luke's hospital. Miss Long came to Denver about a year ago from Marne, Iowa, where her parents reside.

Attorney William A. Bateman has returned from a visit to the Soo.

New Central American Commission



AT RIGHT, EX-SENATOR JAMES R. MCCREARY; AT LEFT, THOMAS C. DAWSON.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The appointment of a commission to investigate conditions in Central America is assured. Horace G. Knowles, the new minister to Nicaragua is practically sure of a place on the commission.

Mr. Knowles is looked upon as especially equipped for the work of investigation that would come before a commission such as the one contemplated. He served for several years in the consular service, and was recently minister to Roumania and Serbia. He is well acquainted with conditions in Central America. Among the other names that are expected to come before the State Department for consideration in its selection of the members of the proposed commission

are those of Maj. Gen. George W. Davis, former Senator James H. McCreary of Kentucky, Dr. L. S. Rowe of the University of Pennsylvania, Thomas C. Dawson, head of the Latin American bureau of the state department, and J. R. Scott, the department solicitor. Most of these men are familiar with the Spanish language and all have had experience which, in the opinion of officials in touch with the affairs of the state department, would render their service especially valuable. The names of several other men prominent in diplomatic and professional circles also will be discussed before the state department is ready to announce the personnel of the suggested commission.

60 BLACKHANDS COMING HERE FROM SWITZERLAND

Police Discover Wholesale Exodus of Dangerous Characters to America.

MEMBERS OF POWERFUL BAND

Geneva, Dec. 7.—The police today confirmed a report of wholesale exodus of members of the Black Hand who mean to find new fields for operation in America. It developed also, that no less than sixty of these characters, of whom forty had before been expelled from Switzerland are making their way by circuitous routes to the United States.

These men formerly were part of a gang of 2,000 Italians employed in the construction of the Loetschberg tunnel through the Berner Alps. This scene of industry became a hotbed of blackmailers, forty of whom are now in custody, awaiting trial on charges of blackmail, assault and murder.

TO PUSH PEONAGE CASES.

Federal Authorities Will Wage Vigorous Prosecution.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 7.—The Federal authorities have prepared for a vigorous prosecution of the peonage cases which are to be brought up for trial before the United States District Court which convened here today. Among those to be tried are several prominent residents of Mobile and Monroe counties, who were indicted by the United States grand jury several months ago. The Attorney General has reviewed the cases and has instructed District Attorney Armbricht to prosecute the cases to the end.

MILITARY WEDDING TODAY.

Son of Late Gen. Orlando B. Wilcox Claims a Bride.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—New York Avenue Presbyterian church was the scene of a brilliant military wedding this afternoon, when Miss Laura Clifford Wells, daughter of Mrs. Henry Clifford Wells, was married to Lieut. Julian Parson Wilcox, U. S. M. C., the youngest son of the late Gen. Orlando B. Wilcox, U. S. A. The bridegroom and the ushers were in full dress uniform, giving to the wedding a distinctly military character. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the house of the bride's mother.

ENGINEERS HOLD MEETING.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mechanical experts from all over the country are in attendance at the thirtieth annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, convened today in the Engineering Society's Building. Papers covering all phases of the profession will be read.

H. CLAY PEARCE NOT GUILTY.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 7.—The jury in the case of H. Clay Pearce, charged with false swearing, returned a verdict here today of not guilty.

SIX DAY BICYCLE RIDERS KEEP EVEN WITH RECORD

Grinding Pace Maintained All Night Places Leaders up to Records.

FOURTEEN TEAMS IN RACE

New York, Dec. 7.—After having kept up a grilling pace all night, the six-day bicycle race riders in the Madison Square Garden let down slightly as the daylight approached and at 7 o'clock the leaders were exactly even with the record.

Six of the teams at that hour had travelled 642 and 9-16 miles which was the record held by Hill and DeNara. Fourteen teams still remain in the race. At six o'clock, the thirty hour record of a year ago was broken by three fifths of a mile, ten teams having ridden 625 3-5 miles.

CHICAGO POULTRY SHOW.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—One of the largest poultry shows ever held in Chicago opened in the Coliseum today under the auspices of the Great Mid-West Poultry and Pet Stock association. Included among the exhibitors are many well known poultry, pigeon and pet stock breeders throughout the United States and Canada. The exhibition will continue until the end of the week.

LAND FOR POLISH FAMILIES.

One Hundred Are Expected to Settle in Chippewa County.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 7.—Frank Grygla, ex-president of the Polish National Alliance and now commissioner-general of the society, is here looking up land in Chippewa county with a view to having a settlement of nearly 100 Polish families located.

The Alliance intends purchasing in the spring, about 15,000 acres of land, and allow the Alliance members to settle there, paying for the land as they can. A fund of \$50,000 is provided for such purposes. The settlers, it is said, would come mostly from Grand Rapids and Detroit. The Alliance membership is made up almost entirely of Polish inhabitants of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

MILWAUKEE MURDER CLUE.

Michigan Men Arrested and Brought to Milwaukee Today.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 7.—Karl Wojciechowski and Adam Pietzsmak were arrested and brought to Milwaukee today from Blaney, Mich., as suspects in the Hattie Zinda murder case. The men disappeared from Milwaukee about the time the murder was committed and were not located until recently.

WEATHER FORECAST

Snow flurries and continued cold tonight and Wednesday. Moderate to brisk northwest winds.

NEARLY PERISH IN THE STORM

Immigrant Woman and Her Babe Have Terrible Experience in Danville, Ill.

THREE ARE DEAD IN CHICAGO

Intensely Cold Weather Prevails in Central West and West and Much Suffering is Reported—Storm is General.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 7.—Lying in six inches of snow on the steps of a bank building and almost dead, a Hungarian woman, and her six-months-old child, were found at daybreak by a policeman. Attached to the woman's dress was a tag consigning her to her husband, a coal miner at Westville. She, with her baby, arrived in the night from New York where she had landed with other immigrants, from Hungary. Ignorant of the language of the new country she wandered about haplessly, the child clasped to her breast, until she sank exhausted and lay for hours in the blast of the heavy storm carrying snow and sleet that raged over Illinois. She had wrapped and shielded her child and kept a spark of life in it though her own vitality weakened to unconsciousness. Revived by warmth and food the woman and baby will be sent to her husband at the Westville mines.

Storm Fatalities in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Chicago was visited today by the first real snow storm of the season. Several inches of snow fell, traffic was impeded and trains delayed. The storm is general throughout the west.

Three are dead in this city as the result of the storm. Joseph Walsh, a laborer, was found on a pile of boxes in a freight warehouse. Joseph Korea, a switchman, was blinded by snow and run over by a switch engine. Martin Varto, a section hand, was blinded by the storm and run over by a passenger train.

Suffering in Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo., reports much suffering from the cold and the Missouri river blocked by ice jams. At Omaha, Neb., it was 2 degrees below zero and the coldest so far this winter. Lincoln, Neb., reported twelve inches of snow and the temperature six below. All roads leading into the city impassable. At Sioux City it was two below zero and the coldest of the winter so far.

Very Cold in Colorado.

Denver, Dec. 7.—The entire state of Colorado is shivering under the coldest December weather in thirty-one years. For three days past the mark has been five degrees above and last night for the second time in three days the ten below mark was reached. Bitterly cold weather is also reported from southern Wyoming, twelve below being recorded at Laramie last night.

PROHIBITION AN ISSUE.

Figures Largely in City Elections Throughout Massachusetts Today.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 7.—Keen interest has been aroused in the city elections in Massachusetts today by the active campaign of the prohibition forces of the State to make as many cities "dry" as possible. Fourteen of the leading cities of the State vote on the liquor issue today, and a week hence nearly all of the remaining cities of the State will vote on the question.

In anticipation of the city elections a spirited contest has been waged all over Massachusetts between the forces of prohibition and those who believe in the regulated saloon. The struggle between the opposing forces is, on the one hand, to increase the number of "dry places," on the other, to reduce it. This, however, is, in a measure, only incidental to the main purpose, so far as the temperance workers are concerned, for they desire, in addition to drawing the prohibition line closer about the saloons, to swell the total vote of the State in favor of prohibition. This is in their favor already by a majority of nearly 20,000, and a large no-license vote at the present elections will add to this considerably. This is desired by the prohibitionists for the moral effect it may have on the State legislature when the constitutional amendment, providing for the resubmission of the question of prohibition to the voters, gets on the legislative calendar next winter.

Not all the work has been done by the prohibitionists, however, since the advocates of license in many of the no-license cities have been making unusual efforts to swing the pendulum the other way in the present elections. This is particularly true in New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester and Lynn, and to a degree in all the other cities which went dry a year ago. In Worcester the fight has been waged for months, while in Fall River and New Bedford it began almost as soon as the votes were counted last December. Both of the latter swung into the no-license column at that time, while Worcester is now completing its second year of prohibition, as is also Lynn.

Adolph Hermann has returned from Copper Harbor, where he has been spending the past two weeks.